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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action mailed January 13, 2003 for the above-captioned application, please make the following amendments:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 13, 15, 16, 27 and 28 to read as follows:

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13. (amended) A kit for sequencing one or more DNA regions from a genomic DNA sample or a microorganism, said kit consisting of, in packaged combination, a single tube of region-specific reagents for each DNA region to be sequenced and optionally one or more non-region specific reagents.

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